

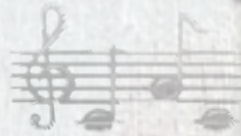
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YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR ANNUAL FALL Banquet



Tuesday, September 12, 2017
FAIRHAVEN CHURCH
Dinner at 6:30 PM

Come enjoy a meal, special music by
Grace-ful, and testimonies of those
finding spiritual and emotional healing!



Featuring Grace-ful

Call the office to request your complimentary tickets 574.642.3773
Make your reservations by September 5th!

WAYS TO PARTICIPATE

SPONSOR A TABLE

Your contribution of \$125 per table helps pay banquet costs to ensure that the offering goes completely to Grace Haven. To contribute in this way, contact a banquet committee member at your church or call the office and let us know how many you would like to sponsor.

HOSTING A TABLE

Come to the banquet and invite others to join you for a total of eight people per table. Get your complimentary tickets from the Grace Haven office at 574.642.3773 (If you do not have enough people to fill a table, individual tickets may be ordered through the office as well).

Allowing a Heart to Trust in God

I grew up in a Christian home, in a small family, surrounded by people who loved the Lord. My childhood was spent playing outdoors, working, and dreaming of one day having a career, then becoming a wife and mother. While my childhood was good and my parents were 'present', there was a lack of emotional connection.

Starting at a young age, a sibling received more attention than me and thrived in every area of life. I was generally a quieter, shy girl who went unnoticed and didn't know how to make my voice heard. A parent spoke for me when I was unable to and later I wasn't heard amongst my own peer group. I shut down and often did not



By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples if ye have love one to another.
John 13:35

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share my thoughts and opinions. The love and affirmation every girl longs for was not there and other situations in life compounded the lie that I was not lovely or worth it. I also felt I didn't measure up and was always wrong.

Without realizing it, I became a young lady searching and desiring to have an identity. I attempted to find my identity through things that I was good at. I built walls to protect myself and preferred to control my life. I often did not plan events or take the initiative because it might not measure up or if I did no one would join me. Accepting appropriate love shown to me was difficult because I didn't think I was lovely or worth it.

I attended a seminar when older and remember crying inside desperately wanting to take care of the turmoil inside my heart. For various reasons, I didn't take the step to get help.

God became very distant, and though I loved and served Him, His Word seemed dead.

After various 'failures' in life including a relationship, I became very confused, angry, bitter, depressed, and felt more alone than ever. Crying became a part of my daily life.

The day came when I walked through the doors of Grace Haven. I wanted so badly to be free, to be heard and understood.

As I began to bring the hurt and pain to Jesus, to forgive myself and others, the walls started to slowly crumble. I no longer had to find identity in my giftings and things I did, Jesus showed me I was loved for who I was. I realized that God desired to have a close relationship with me. I was not alone. He started to give me a voice, and give me courage.

The circumstances in my life did not change, and the future was a bit hazy. The battle continued to rage and yet I began to trust Him knowing He would be holding me - a beautiful place to be!

He healeth the broken in heart, and
bindeth up their wounds.

Psalm 147:3



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